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1. A complete reorganization of the Soviet Foreign Ministry is now going on under the direction of AA Gromyko. The Ministry's own intelligence department is being re-established in full working capacity under VA Zorin. While Beria was head of the secret police this department existed, but almost illegally and was without influence. Political and economic intelligence is being completely transferred to the intelligence department of this Ministry, which will work as it did before World War II, under Litvinov.
2. Diplomats, assigned to the intelligence department, will soon be sent to serve in the various, Soviet embassies and legations, but they will not be subordinated to the ministers.
3. The head of the newly re-established intelligence department of the Foreign Ministry is KN Tiapkin, who formerly served in the 2nd (Western Europe) Section of the Ministry. He has been replaced there by VV Slavin. Tiapkin will be assisted by MI Sladkovski, now deputy head of the Far East Department of the Ministry. Alexander Snegov has been sent to Paris as a member of the intelligence department of the Ministry and will make that place his permanent residence.

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